

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Evans <sup>1</sup> S25069

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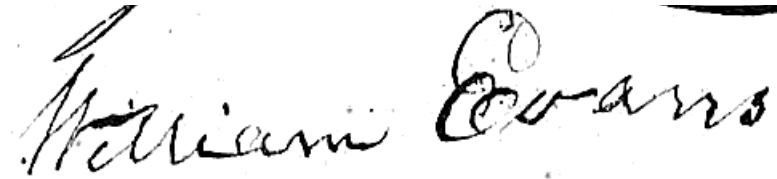
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled, "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828,["] I William Evans of the County of Buckingham in the State of Virginia do hereby declare that I was an officer of the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution and served as such to the end of the war. I was appointed Ensign in the fall of 1776 by the County Court of Augusta and marched out under the command of Captain David Laird of the 10th Virginia Regiment in the spring of 1777 at Bond brook [Boundbrook] in the State of New Jersey and continued under the command of General George Washington three years. I was in the action of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], and also at Germantown [October 4, 1777], in which action I was wounded and carried off the field by Colonel Edward Stevens (a copy of whose certificate you will herewith find enclosed marked B) after this action my Regiment was reduced to the Sixth Regiment, which will also appear by the said document B given by Colonel Samuel Hawes. I was also in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] having recovered from the wounds which I received at Germantown. In the winter of 1779 I was ordered home on the recruiting service where I remained for twelve months at the expiration of the twelve months I was ordered to the South under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] whose Regiment was organized in the Virginia line not taken at Charleston, -- I was in the battle at Guilford [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781] -- And was also in the Second battle at Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], I was in the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] (a Fort called by that name) in the fall of 1783, I was sent home to Winchester Barracks and discharged as will be seen from said Colonel Hawes certificate marked B. After I returned home my old wound became troublesome and afflicted me very much which induced me to apply to Congress for a pension which I received. And I also declare that I afterwards received certificates for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay: which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783, instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780. And I do further declare that I have received of the United States, an invalid pensioner since the 3rd March 1826 the sum of \$217.60 up to the 4th March 1828. As Witness my hand this 15th of July in the year of our Lord 1828.

S/ William Evans

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt681-200 Lieut. Issued Apr. 16, 1708. No papers

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Evans". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

[William Price and William Young gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia Buckingham County October 27th 1836

It is hereby certified that William Evans a Lieutenant in a company of Infantry in the tenth Virginia Regiment of Continental troops is rendered incapable of performing the duty of a Soldier by reason of a wound inflicted while he was actually in the service aforesaid in the line of his duty viz. during an engagement with the British Troops on the 4th day of October in the year 1777.

By satisfactory evidence and accurate examination it appears that on the 4th day of October in the year 1777 being engaged with the British Troops at or near a place called Germantown in the State of Pennsylvania he received a wound in the left foot -- the ball inflicting it entered the foot opposite the metatarsal bone of the small toe, part of which bone the petitioner affirms exfoliated and hence passing obliquely through the foot -- made its exit on the inner and under side of the foot nearly opposite the Junction of the tarsal and metatarsal bones, has so completely divided the common flexing as to destroy the action of all and the flexors of the large toe, that alone retaining its natural power. The nature of the wound and its immediate consequences being thus stated we think the affirmations of the sufferer should be respected. He enumerates amongst the inconveniences of prosecuting the ordinary purposes of life a liability to spasm and pain from walking either on a smooth or broken the surface. He speaks also of a torpid sensation in the hip of the side with the afflicted foot, which he felt before receiving the wound. It may be proper to state at this time the muscle of the leg same hardened by the previous inflammation, and further that there exist a great disposition to dropsy of the foot, and leg. In compliance with the requisition of the war department, it now becomes our duty to speak of the condition of the willing and the degree of disability resulting from it and September 1829 & 31 these being the periods when examination should have been made judging from the condition of the wound at present, we should infer that it is condition at those periods was similar to that which has been given already. The symptoms aggravated at present by increasing old age and a other physical infirmities consequent upon it. He is hereby not only incapacitated for military duty but in the opinion of the undersigned is totally so from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor. In conclusion we need only say that the description of the wound has given coincidence in point of fact, with that given in the original certificate and this together with our individual certificate will it, once identified the present petitioner William Evans with the petitioner designated in the Certificate as a Lieutenant in the revolutionary war.

S/ Edward C. Fisher, MD

S/ Willie J. Eppes, MD

[p 7: On April 10, 1843, William Evans, son and administrator of Capt. William Evans, dec'd, filed an affidavit in Buckingham County, Virginia stating that his father died September 19 1839 in Buckingham County where he had resided for the 30 years before his death having previously lived in Cumberland County, Virginia and seeking arrearages in the pension due his father at this

death.

*Wm. Evans admr.* ]

[p 10: findings of the Court: that William Evans was a pensioner of the US at the rate of \$26.66 2/3 per month at the time of his death on September 19, 1839; that he was survived by a widow named Mary who died September \_\_ 1840 and children namely: Pamela Wyche, Elizabeth Hobson, Martha Boswell, Virginia Bagby, America Allen, James Evans and William M. Evans, the administrator of his father's estate.]

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Winchester barracks March 8th 1783

Lieutenant William Evans of the Sixth Virginia Regiment has served in the Regiment with myself from the year 1777 to the year 1783 and has always conducted himself as a Gentlemen and a good and brave officer.

He now retires from the Virginia line as a Supernumerary  
S/ Samuel Hawes, Lt. Colo.

B

I hereby certify that William Evans 2nd Lieutenant in Captain Davias Lavias [??] Company which compose part of the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by me in the year 1777 was in the action of German Town on the 4th October in the above mentioned the year wounded in the foot and by my assistance he was conveyed from the place of action. Given under my hand and Seal this 19th of November 1808.

S/ Edward Stevens

[Note: Both Hawes and Stevens' documents transcribed above are certified as 'true copies' of the originals by George Strother]

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January 1st 1783

I do hereby certify that Lieutenant William Evans entered the service of the 10th day of December 1776, and continued in actual service to this day, and is now arranged a supernumerary.

S/ P. Muhlenberg, B. G.

[Note: The above document is certified by the Executive department of Virginia as a true copy of documents in its files.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$9.06 2/3 per month commencing March 3, 1826 as a wounded invalid of the revolutionary war.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

From a Register of Arrangement of Rank respecting the Officers of the Virginia Continental line in my possession – as well as that of my own recollection – William Evans received an appointment as an officer in the month of December 1776 in the original 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment

– and continued in service during the Revolutionary War his rank was that of a Lieut.  
Given under my hand (Richmond) September 13, 1808

R. Gamble, late a Capt. 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment

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*continued in actual service to this day & is*  
*now arranged a Supernumerary*  
*P. Muhlenberg B. G.*